

**NEED FOR CARE OF DAVE JOHNSON IN BILL DUKE'S
NOT EASILY BROKEN (2009) MOVIE:
A HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH**



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Life is beautiful, wonderful, exciting and worthy. It gives us a lot of stories. When someone still lives in this world, they will make a story. Everyone have a story in this life and have difference character from one person to another. From this different character here, everyone take his position. Sometimes, their birth bring them into enjoyable life or become the powerful person, on the other hand, many people feels their life is uncomfortable. It can be caused by their situation or condition.

One of the stages of human's life is marriage. Someone should have desire to be happy in their life. Happiness are hardly reached, because of a bad condition, situation or the aspects of human themselves. The marriages of many people often ended by a parting because unable to reach the happiness or harmony again. When the writer watch television, there are many infotainment program which report a broken home of an artist.

Care, attention and love are several aspects of human's life. It is important thing to be completed or should be exerted. Someone will feel comfortable or satisfied, if these aspects can be meet. Family as the place of these aspects (care, attention and love) is very important side of the human's life. The harmonious family will give the enjoyable feeling for the members of

family itself. How harmonious it will be, depends on the members of the family itself.

One of the inspirational stories is *Not Easily Broken* movie. Here, the major character is able to solve the problems and stay together. *Not Easily Broken* movie is a melodrama of marital difficulty directed by Bill Duke. It is written by Brian Bird based on the novel of T. D. Jakes. The author is a pastor.

Released at January 9, 2009 in United State of America, it duration is about 1 hour 39 minute, distributed and produced by Screen Gems and Sony Picture. It is played by Morris Chestnut as Dave Johnson and Taraji P. Henson as his wife Clarice Clark. Several artists are also involved, such as Maeve Quinlan, Kevin Hart, Wood Harris, Eddie Cibrian, Jenifer Lewis etc.

Not Easily Broken movie gets 13th position in MPAA rating for sexual references and thematic element. It gets two nominations after the release for category of best director to Bill Duke and Brian Bird as best screenplay. Based on the researcher's observations, many respondents in the movie website give good rating, however it does not get award.

Many critics come from the viewers of this movie. These critics are negative or positive. The most negative response from the reviewer thought that it is boring and slow. On the other hand, many people said that it contains a great experience. It can give figure of the people who are able to solve the problems and as inspiration to the real world.

This movie tells the story based on the sequence of events or the important events of the major character. It begins from the wedding ceremony

in Los Angeles on 1995. They had dream to get success in carrier as the new couple commonly, but it become hard because Dave Johnson gets accident.

After the accident, Dave Johnson work as the mechanic who repair the building and Clarice Clark as the sales promotion. This situation makes them meet each other rarely. One day when they drive a car, the accident happens to them. Clarice Clark gets serious hurt with her leg.

This accident makes Clarice Clark not care Dave Johnson and blames him. However Clarice Clark disregards, Dave Johnson call a physical therapist to take care his wife. Sometimes, Dave is alone in the chamber. This condition makes Dave Johnson think of his position and take reflection of the life.

Their marriage face a broken, when Clarice accuses Dave makes a relationship with Julie (a physical therapist). This situation becomes more bad because the joining of Clarice's mother in their marital difficulties. Clarice's mother chases away Dave Johnson from the house. Dave Johnson doesn't get acceptance, care, attention and neglected.

The writer chooses this movie based on four reasons. The first is many aspects of this movie that are interesting to be observed. After the writer watch several movies for the primary data of his study, he concludes that it meets the criteria. The major character is a characterization of the human who needs care, understanding, and support to solve his problems. So, it is interesting to analysis the major character using humanistic perspective.

Secondly, *Not Easily Broken* movie related with the real world, not imagination story. The story is able to happen in the human's life. The viewer

able to get lesson about how to solve the marital difficulty and implement it to the real world. The writer thought that it is rational.

The third, message which is delivered is worthy. The viewers are able to learn how to be wise. Dave Johnson has opportunity to cheat in his marriage and meet his care need by the other people. However Dave Johnson has opportunity, he prefers to defend his marriage. It is worthy, if the events of this movie viewed from human side.

The last one is *Not Easily Broken* movie is able to inspire us. It tells about how to manage the human's need and egoisms. Someone not only have right to meet their needs, but it is limited by the right of the other people. Everyone have options in this life. They are able to choose their way in this life freely. However their right is influenced by the condition, situation, and environment, but they can choose to be independent or not.

The writer formulates his title in this paper based on the major aspect that will be observed. Care is included to the belongingness and love need, because it related to this term. The writer conducts this research because his desire to know the aspects that influences the psychological of the human.

Nowadays, these phenomena often occur in the real world and become the primary problem. Everyone is busy with their work, have own desire and neglect their home. Based on these phenomena the writer entitled this paper with: **NEED FOR CARE OF DAVE JOHNSON IN BILL DUKE'S *NOT EASILY BROKEN* (2009) MOVIE: A HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH**

B. Literature Review

The movie is exciting, inspirational, worthy and has a sense. As far as the writer knows, there is no research that has been conducted to study *Not Easily Broken* the movie, at least in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta and Surakarta region. It can be caused by this movie is new release.

From the observation to find the literature review, the writer found a journal in a website (<http://hellburns.blogspot.com/2009/01/movies-not-easily-broken.html>) posted by Helena Burns, at 8:46 PM entitled *movie: "Not Easily Broken"*. She said that *Not Easily Broken* movie is a certain backlash against a feminism that urges women to be radically independent instead of interdependent, and a feeling of victimization on the part of men. This journal is different from this study, the writer focus on how the need for care reflected in *Not Easily Broken* movie. Entitled: **NEED FOR CARE OF DAVE JOHNSON IN BILL DUKE'S NOT EASILY BROKEN (2009) MOVIE: A HUMANISTIC PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH.**

C. Problem Statement

The writer formulates the problems of this study as follows:

1. "How is the need for care reflected by Dave Johnson in *Not Easily Broken* movie?"
2. "How is the process of Dave Johnson able to meet his care need in order to pass the marital difficulty and defend his marriage?"

D. Limitation of the Study

The writer limits the study on the Dave Johnson's need for care in order to pass the marital difficulty and defend his marriage using humanistic perspective. The writer emphasizes to analyses on the major character viewed from human's side.

E. Objective of the Study

The objective of the study can be formulated as follows:

1. To analyze *Not Easily Broken* movie based on its structural elements that help the writer identify the need for care of the major character.
2. To analyze the need for care of the major character in *Not Easily Broken* movie based on humanistic psychological perspective.

F. Benefits of the Study

The writer expects that this study will be useful for:

1. Theoretical Benefit

This study is expected to give a real contribution and inspiration to the reader in the real world and the literary theory especially humanistic perspective.

2. Practical Benefit

This study is expected to help the writer and reader to get deeper understanding about message and aspects of the movie, how to use literary theory in analyzing a literary work and related to the real world.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

The writer uses descriptive qualitative research in for this research because it suitable to explain the analysis and there is no need a statistic evaluation.

2. Object of the Study

The object of this study is need for care of the major character (Dave Johnson) in Bill Duke's *Not Easily Broken* movie.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source

a. Primary Source

The primary data are taken from *Not Easily Broken* movie by Bill Duke.

b. Secondary Source

The secondary data are taken from other sources related to this movie such as articles, movie review and other relevant information.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

In conducting this study, the writer uses the techniques as follows:

- a. Note taking.
- b. Scene capturing.

While the steps which are used by the writer are as follow:

- a. Watching the movie.
- b. Reading the script.
- c. Classifying the data.

- d. Browsing in the internet to look for related information such as movie script, movie's identity, public response, etc.
- e. Reading the relevant books.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The steps used in analyzing the data of this study are clarifying the data by selecting the necessary ones. The next is analyzing the data based on humanistic psychological perspective. This step is where the writer applies the humanistic psychological perspective which is related to the term, topic, issue and aspects of the movie.

H. Research Paper Organization

This research paper will be served into five chapters. Chapter I is introduction which consist of background of the study, literature review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, Benefits of the Study, research method, and research paper organization. Chapter II is underlying theory which consists of notion of humanistic psychological approach, major principle of humanistic psychological, structure elements of the movie and theoretical application. Chapter III will be structural analysis of the movie. Here, the writer explains the movie based on the structural elements. Chapter IV serves the analysis of the movie based on humanistic psychological perspective and chapter V will be conclusion and suggestion.